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In re Application of:

John Mugan et al.

Serial No: 10/731,500

Filed: December 9, 2003

For: CYTOLOGY COLLECTION
DEVICE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: Not known

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the waiver of the rules change effective June 30, 2003 Information Disclosure Statements may be filed without copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published applications for applications filed after June 30, 2003, (see 37 CFR 1.98 (a))

(2) (i)), copies of U.S. patent documents are not required and therefore are not being submitted herewith inasmuch as the captioned application was filed in the USPTO after June 30, 2003.

The references now cited are the following:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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